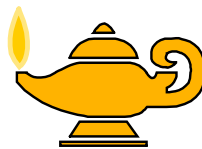


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## The Lamplighter



*You are the light of the world...no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket...let your light shine before others..."*

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*To you wonderful folks of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Findlay,*

Matthew 6:33 states: ***Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.***

I realize that that passage is so familiar to most of us that we tend to gloss over it. But if you really think about it, those are revolutionary words!

"...seek first the kingdom of God." As Oswald Chambers said, even the most spiritually minded of us tend to argue the exact opposite. We tend to say, "I have to *live*; I must make a certain amount of *money*. I need enough to buy *clothes and food* for myself and for my family."

The great concern for most of us is not the kingdom of God but how we are going to take care of ourselves to live. But Jesus reversed the order by telling us to get the right relationship with God first, maintaining it as the primary concern of our lives, and never to place our concern on taking care of the other things of life.

"...do not worry about your life..." (Matthew 6:25). Our Lord pointed out that from His standpoint it is absolutely unreasonable for us to be anxious, worrying about how we will live. Jesus did not say that the person who takes no thought for anything in his or her life is blessed – no, that person is foolish. But Jesus *did* teach that His disciples must make their relationship with God the dominating focus of their lives, and to be cautiously carefree about everything else in comparison to that.

In essence, Jesus was saying, "Don't make food and drink the controlling factor in your life, but be

absolutely focused on God." Some people are careless about what they eat and drink, and they suffer for it; they are careless about what they wear, having no business looking the way they do; they are careless with their earthly matters, and God holds them responsible. But Jesus *is* saying that the greatest concern of life is to place our relationship with God first, and everything else second.

Oswald Chambers concludes by saying it is one of the most difficult, yet critical, disciplines of the Christian life to allow the Holy Spirit to bring us into absolute harmony with the teaching of Jesus in these verses.

As difficult as that is, isn't that something that we can support each other in, and help each other with, here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Findlay?

See you around this month of June!  
Take care and God bless, Pastor Rick

*Take care and God bless,*

*Pastor Rick*



## Rejoice in God

By Mary Wilder Tileston

Serve the Lord with gladness. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

PSALMS 100:2,5

TEACH me Thy love to know;

That this new light which now I see,

May both the work and workman show

Then by a sunbeam I will climb to Thee.

GEORGE HERBERT

WHY should we not rejoice in the good things of God? If the day is pure and serene, we enjoy its gladness. Why should we not rejoice in the serene light of truth that shines from Heaven upon us? We find a joy in the presence and cheerful greeting of our friends. Why should we not look up to Heaven, whence so many pure and most loving faces look upon us with divine affection, and with most tender desires to cheer and help us? Having an almighty and most loving Father, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, let us rejoice in Him. Having a most loving Saviour, who has made Himself our brother, and feeds us with His life, we ought surely to rejoice in Him. Having the Holy Spirit of God with us, making us His temples, and pouring His love into our hearts, we ought certainly to answer His love, and rejoice in His overflowing goodness. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice."

Taken from <http://www.backtothebible.org/devotions/rejoice-in-god>



## The necessary father

"Last week was Father's Day. But the rest of the year, Fatherhood is shrinking in significance. I'm not just talking about physical absences – a third of American kids now live without their biological father – I'm talking about perceived importance. More and more, fathers are becoming viewed as less than necessary. "On some levels, we men must blame ourselves. The number of fathers who take no responsibility for parenting – who impregnate and run as if they are pollinating flowers– is despicably high. Same goes for disinterested divorced men and deadbeat dads. "When did it become so difficult to extol fatherhood? Perhaps when there became other agendas. Even *The New York Times*, for Father's Day, asked, 'Do fathers bring anything unique to the table?' "But if they don't, why does nearly ever statistic on kids turn sour when fathers disappear? Youth suicides, five times higher than average. High school dropouts, nine times higher. Behavioral disorders, 20 times higher. Runaways and homeless children, 32 times higher. "What does a father bring to the table? I can cite a few things I got from my own: Strength. Quiet confidence, Discipline. Responsibility. And love. My father also taught us how to be a husband, how to respect a woman, when to lead and when to support. "Not all men are like my Dad. But plenty are."—Columnist Mitch Albom



**Prayer Needs:**

- ♦ For those with cancer and undergoing Cancer Treatment:  
\*Kathy Brinkman \*Emelia (4 yrs old) \*Bill Stalets  
For those with various health issues and concerns:  
\*Doris Moore \*Al and JR (friends of Charlotte's grandson)  
\*Joe Brinkman \*Jeannie (Sue Davies' sister)
- ♦ For First Christian Church's Homebound Members
- ♦ For growth in all ministries and areas of service at  
First Christian Church
- ♦ For those who are seeking employment
- ♦ For those having trouble making ends meet
- ♦ For peaceful and just solutions to conflicts around the world.

**June Birthdays**

6/4 Joe Byal  
6/5 Rachel Reynolds  
6/13 Fred Kretzinger  
6/14 Tom Thompson  
6/18 Kathy Schaffer  
6/20 Sandy Frantz  
6/25 Jason Gutierrez

**June Anniversaries**

6/3 Bill & Nancy Peters  
6/16 Joe & Kathy Brinkman  
6/18 Greg & Deb Longworth  
6/24 Charlie & Charlotte Ballard  
6/24 Scott & Jenny Williamson

This month We honor Beth Reynolds this month with her pictures on the hallway bulletin board. Beth is a lifelong member of First Christian Church starting with the nursery rolls all the way through today. Beth is very active here at First Christian Church as well at Camp Christian taking various roles such as musician, lay reader, preacher, actor and writer. These days she serves at Camp Christian in the kitchen, as well as being involved in ADM, (Association of Disciples Musicians), Women's Ministries, CME, and Disciple Fellowship Retreats. Beth is looking forward to meeting up with some lifelong friends at the bi-annual General Assembly this summer. She has also become involved Hiram Farms, a community providing work and learning opportunities for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Here at First Christian, Beth is active as an elder, greeter, chair of the worship committee. She has brought the Labyrinth into our midst with hopes of incorporating it into an inviting ministry. Beth is married to Dave and has two daughters Amanda and Rachel.

We mourn the loss and celebrate the life of long-time FCC church member Patty Lou Yoder (known to most of us as simply Pat), who died on May 10th. Pat was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was involved in auxiliary organizations in the community and with church activities, especially music and women's activities. We will miss Pat's smile and cheerful words and Christian presence. We offer prayers of sympathy and comfort to Dale, her husband, and her extended family (her children who are members of FCC are Barb Brown and Deb Kirk and their families).

**First Christian News**

Average number of service attendees for May: TBD

Amount given in May: \$ TBD











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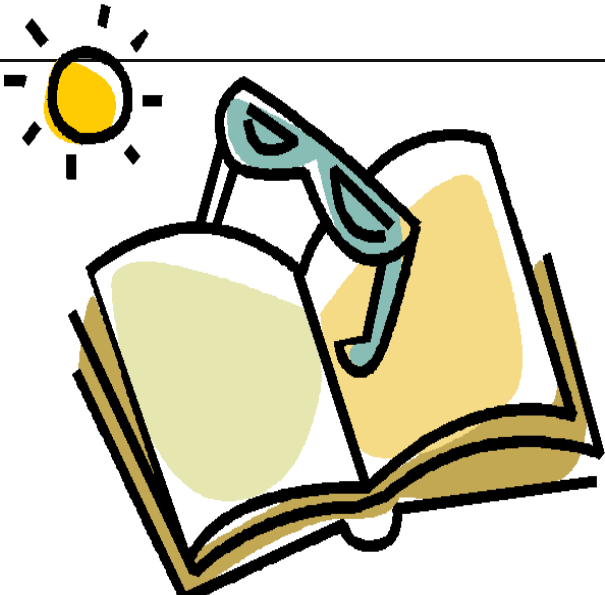



## June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:00 am- Taize Prayer	4	5 11:00 am - Bible Study	6 9:00 a.m.-Elders Meeting 9:300 a.m.-Truth Seekers Bible Study
7 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 Coffee Hour	8	9	10 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	11	12 11:00 am - Bible Study 	13 9:300 a.m.-Truth Seekers Bible Study 10:00 am - Board Meeting
14 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 Coffee Hour 	15	16	17 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	18	19 11:00 am - Bible Study 	20 9:300 a.m.-Truth Seekers Bible Study
21 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour 2:30 pm-Fox Run Wor-ship 	22	23	24 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	25	26 11:00 am - Bible Study 	27 9:300 a.m.-Truth Seekers Bible Study
28 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour	29	30				



## June Serving Schedule

June 7	June 14
<p>Minister: Rev. Rick Pulling</p> <p>Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler</p> <p>Pianist/Organist: Becky Pulling</p> <p>Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger</p> <p>Greeters: Tim Wolfe, John Snyder</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Karol Smith</p> <p>Elders: Linda Pitkin</p> <p>Deacons: Charlotte Ballard, Tara Miller, John Snyder</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Team #5 Deb Kirk, Barb England, Kathleen Schaffer</p> <p>Counters: Robin Kretzinger &amp; Patty Koehler</p>	<p>Minister: Rev. Rick Pulling</p> <p>Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler</p> <p>Pianist/Organist: Jane Snyder</p> <p>Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler</p> <p>Greeters: David England, Karol Smith, Martha Stoner</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Tara Miller</p> <p>Elders: Kathy Brinkman &amp; Nancy Peters</p> <p>Deacons: Barb Brown, Tim Wolfe, Cindi Beltz</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Team #1 Cindi Beltz, Beth Reynolds, Kathy Brinkman</p> <p>Counters: Robin Kretzinger &amp; Andy Koehler</p>
June 21	June 28
<p>Minister: Rev. Rick Pulling</p> <p>Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler</p> <p>Pianist/Organist: Becky Pulling</p> <p>Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger</p> <p>Greeters: David England, Barb England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson</p> <p>Elders: Robin Kretzinger</p> <p>Deacons: Bill Peters, David England, Sue Davies</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Team #2 Pat Sharninghouse, Linda Pitkin, Sue &amp; Ed Davies</p> <p>Counters: Robin Kretzinger &amp; Bill Peters</p>	<p>Guest Minister: Mrs. Linn Bartling</p> <p>Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler</p> <p>Pianist/Organist: Jane Snyder</p> <p>Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler</p> <p>Greeters: Karol Smith, John Snyder,</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Sue Davies</p> <p>Elders: Kathy Brinkman &amp; Beth Reynolds</p> <p>Deacons: Lisa Wolf, Deb Kirk, Karol Smith</p> <p>Coffee Hour: Team #3: Bill &amp; Nancy Peters. Karol Smith Pat &amp; Dale Yoder</p> <p>Counters: Robin Kretzinger &amp; Tara Miller</p>
	

## Sharing brings Joy

To Us. To Others. To God

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Sunday Schedule  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
Followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour

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## June

### June 7 –Second Sunday After Pentecost – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reader: Karol Smith

Scripture: Mark 3:19B-26

Message: “Who are you calling *crazy*?”

**Theme:** In this passage, Jesus is accused of being crazy. Why would such a charge be made against Him? Is there some sense in which the church needs to “get its crazy on” today to fulfill its mission?

### June 14– Third Sunday After Pentecost-Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reader: Tara Miller

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Message: “Hope in a Seed”

**Theme:** Fifty years ago, a man sent seeds to India and Pakistan and saved a billion lives. Jesus talks about seed, too, and He stresses the importance of spreading the gospel seed. Then, whose responsibility is it for that seed’s germination and growth?

### June 21– Fourth Sunday after Pentecost-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Message: “It was a dark and stormy night”

**Theme:** Does God really care? If Jesus can still some storms, why are there still so many storms in our lives?

### June 28-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost-Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Guest Minister: Mrs. Linn Bartling

Scripture Reader: Sue Davies

Scripture: TBD

Message: “TBD ”